

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

March 19, 2026, 6:00 pm

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, Alex Zimmerman, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nicci presents several travel requests to the commissioners. The first one is from the child support office to travel to South Bend for the 2026 Annual Child Support Conference. Any cost associated will be paid from the child support incentive fund. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The next request is from the Prosecutor's office to attend the Rise Conference in Nashville, TN. Any cost associated will be paid from the Prosecutor's Deferral Fund. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The final request is for a blanket travel request from the Health Department. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the request, passed unanimously.

Last year Shepherd Insurance recommended that the county work with IPMG Risk Management Services. Jarod, Cody and Nicci have been working with IPMG in efforts to lower the counties' liability risk for both workers comp and liability issues at the jail and sheriff's office. The counties MOD rate is expected to decrease to 1.02 from 1.46. The contract with IPMG is up for renewal and Nicci, and Cody would like to continue working with IPMG. Nicci says that Cody is working hard on the law enforcement side to get policies and procedures into place. They want to focus on the jail for 2026 if the renewal is approved. Shane made a motion to allow Cody and Nicci to go to the council and request \$21,674.00 for renewal. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to allow Alex to sign a participation agreement about the Opioid Settlement. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody Low asks the commissioners to consider an ordinance for the normal flood areas. Cody said that if the roads are blocked and the person enters the water, the county can fine them. Matt said that he received a text from a lady who received a bill in the amount of \$1900.00 for a water rescue. Cody said that there were 7 water rescues in the last flood.

Shane made a motion to sign the contract for the Army to rent the fairgrounds on April 15 – May 27, 2026. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Jeff Walker represents the Open Showcase Committee. The open showcase building at the fairgrounds had issues last year with the light bulbs. The commissioners told Jeff that they would have maintenance to check it out.

Shane made a motion to sign the support letter for JL Brewer (Jackson Jennings Corrections), Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. JL said that the state has reduced funding by \$19.7 million in the last two years. Matt mentioned checking into using some opioid money to help.

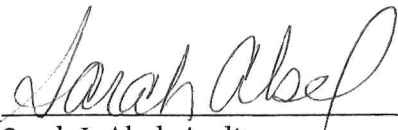
Geneva Township VFD is asking for help to replace the roof at the fire station. Shane said he is confused as to why they are coming to the county and asking for money to put a roof on the township trustees building. Alex said the Geneva Township's AFR shows \$411,000.00 end of year cash balance. With \$102,000 in poor relief there still should be about \$200,000 left. Shane said he is not on board because the township has the money. Charlie makes a motion to table until the next

meeting, in hopes of having a conversation with Mike Kelly, trustee. Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Buford Goowin discusses Clearwater with the commissioners. The commissioners tell Buford that the road is not a county road and the county has no control over it.

Shane made a motion to approve payroll and claims. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve prior minutes, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

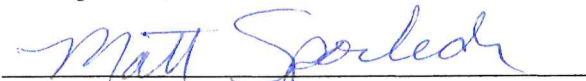
Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 7pm. Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.




Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell